

Meetings at the Poulsbo Inn on Hwy 305 Volume I - 24

Meetings By-Monthly – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month at 5:30 p.m.

By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the Best in Kids.

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Minutes from July 16, 2008 Club Meeting

- This evening's meeting was well attended by Tom O'Donohue, Tracy Zeringer, Sandy & Casey Cutlip, Georgia Montgomery, Bob Heinrich, Jeff & Erin Mead, Melissa Hemstreet and Matthew Jones. Adele got the meeting started with the pledge of Allegiance, and a short invocation. Sheenah Hellmers was a few minutes late but had a great Treasurer's report for us. Our expenses for the month were \$397.01 and our deposits were \$1,624.38 with an ending balance of \$2,275.95. Our net balance for the Garage Sale was \$1,009.23 and Adele will still be trying to sell the lovely old platters and bowls to the local antique shop once things calm down enough for her to spend some quality time with the owner. Funds raised from Mor Mor's for the book project totaled \$120.00. The entire funds raised for Books for Kwaupanga were \$539.15. We approved the disbursement for the books with a motion from Bob Heinrich and seconded by Erin Mead. The vote was unanimous. We shared pictures of our raffle winners and they were both very pleased with what they won.
- Tracy Zeringer gave a short report on the books. Hill Worldwide Moving has come to her aid and was picking up the books and taking them to their facility to be placed on pallets and further readied for shipment to Africa. (Just heard from Tracy that the move went quickly and they are now waiting for the container, which should arrive by Monday. Jennifer Morris from the Herald was also out to interview her.)
- Our July 10th Kite Flying event was a big success with two groups from Martha and Mary Daycare. Our first group consisting of about 9 children had a blast from the beginning. They were a little older than the second group. What fun to get their kites up in the air (not all were so lucky all of the time) and see them flying. Patience is a virtue that many children learned to get those kites up and keep them up. Of course the juice and cookies was a big hit thanks to Tom Taylor from Costco. Pictures were sent out to everyone directly after the event.
- Names for our August 7th NOW (New Optimists Wanted) have been coming in and Adele has a sent out the first letters. A reminder list has been made and everyone will get that via email to give their friends a call and offer pick them up or at least remind them to attend. Watch for your list of folks to come about July 28th. Hopefully we will come home with lots of new members. We have a sign up sheet for salads and desserts for that evening. We could still use a few more items if anyone wants to contribute. We will be purchasing the hamburgers and

hot dogs and buns from Tom Taylor. What a great guy to help us all out. Erin and I will get up to Raab Park by about 4:30 p.m. to start getting things set up. Adele will send out a schedule of events before the next meeting. Our speaker will be Rick Jones the new Superintendent of the North Kitsap School District.

- Janet Otte was our speaker this evening from The Johnston Foundation to explain to us about the project FREEDOM 5-K Run and Walk. We actually had two ladies visit with us and explain that their daughters have seen young people being trafficked into slavery-like conditions. This group is out to fight the modern-day slavery of young people. “Are you aware that 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders annually?” That was one of the first statements on their information sheet. What a scary thought! Once they had left Adele made a motion to send them \$100.00 donation to help the cause which would in essence register four teams for them. Hopefully this will help in some way. Sheenah I am sure has mailed off the check by this reporting.
- Fishline is again having a School Supply Drive. A list will follow this bulletin and explanation of how and when you can also volunteer at Fishline to put things all together. A collection box will be at the Chamber of Commerce offices for anyone who can not bring their items to the August 6th meeting.
- We will again ask Trevor Monet to be our speaker at the August 6th meeting because of no attendance at the July 2nd meeting. Please be at the August 6th meeting so that we can review our plans for the next evening and also give Trevor a great audience for his discussion.
- Our District Optimist Dues have been paid and the International Dues will be arriving shortly. Remember that our Optimist year is from October 1st to September 30th so Sheenah will be sending out 2008-2009 dues statements in the middle of August so that you can plan for your dues payment in your personal September budget.

No meeting on Wednesday, August 20th! A summer break is in order.

Yours in Optimism –Adele Heinrich for Secretary Sandy Cutlip

Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be large for worry, too noble for anger and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.